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## HOUSE BILL No. 1816

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**Citations Affected:** IC 20-28.

**Synopsis:** Teacher certification. Allows a person who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the person's teacher education school or department certify to the department of education that the person possesses the content knowledge required by the examination. Establishes a testing waiver process for teacher licensure.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.  
February 19, 2007, reported — Do Pass.  
February 23, 2007, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-28-5-13, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,  
2 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) This section applies to an examination  
4 required for teacher licensure under this chapter.

5 (b) If an individual does not demonstrate the level of proficiency  
6 required to receive a license on all or a part of an examination, the  
7 examination's scorer must provide the individual with the individual's  
8 test scores, including subscores for each area tested.

9 (c) **An individual may qualify for a testing waiver if the**  
10 **following criteria are met:**

11 (1) **The individual has:**

12 (A) **taken the examination described in subsection (a) at**  
13 **least two (2) times within the last three (3) years and has**  
14 **failed to demonstrate proficiency in a test area by not more**  
15 **three (3) points.**

16 (B) **successfully completed all appropriate content area**  
17 **(Praxis II) exams;**

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(C) received a bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point average of at least three (3.0) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education;

(D) received a grade point average of at least (3.2) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education in the content area to be listed on the individual's license; and

(E) received a composite score of at least five hundred twenty-three (523) on the Praxis I exam.

(2) The individual:

(A) can verify successfully completing a student teaching experience by submitting to the professional standards division an original letter on university or college letterhead from either the chair of the student teaching department where the individual attended an approved teaching program or the supervising teacher where the individual gained student teaching experience; and

(B) successfully completed all other requirements of the teaching program as verified by the Indiana licensing advisory or equivalent from an out of state institution.

(3) The individual submits to the professional standards board two (2) letters of recommendation or two (2) support letters from either:

(A) representatives of the institution of higher education where the individual attended an approved teaching program; or

(B) individuals who represent preschool through grade 12 who are familiar with the work of the individual seeking licensure.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1816, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

PORTER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 6, nays 4.

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1816 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 12, delete "This subsection applies only to an individual who has taken" and insert "**An individual may qualify for a testing waiver if the following criteria are met:**

**(1) The individual has:**

**(A) taken the examination described in subsection (a) at least two (2) times within the last three (3) years and has failed to demonstrate proficiency in a test area by not more than three (3) points.**

**(B) successfully completed all appropriate content area (Praxis II) exams;**

**(C) received a bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point average of at least three (3.0) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education;**

**(D) received a grade point average of at least (3.2) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education in the content area to be listed on the individual's license; and**

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 (B) individuals who represent preschool through grade 12  
 who are familiar with the work of the individual seeking  
 licensure.".

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 4.

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1816 as printed February 20, 2007.)

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